

Remarks

This is in response to the Official Action of July 21, 2005.

In the Official Action, restriction among the following five groups was required:

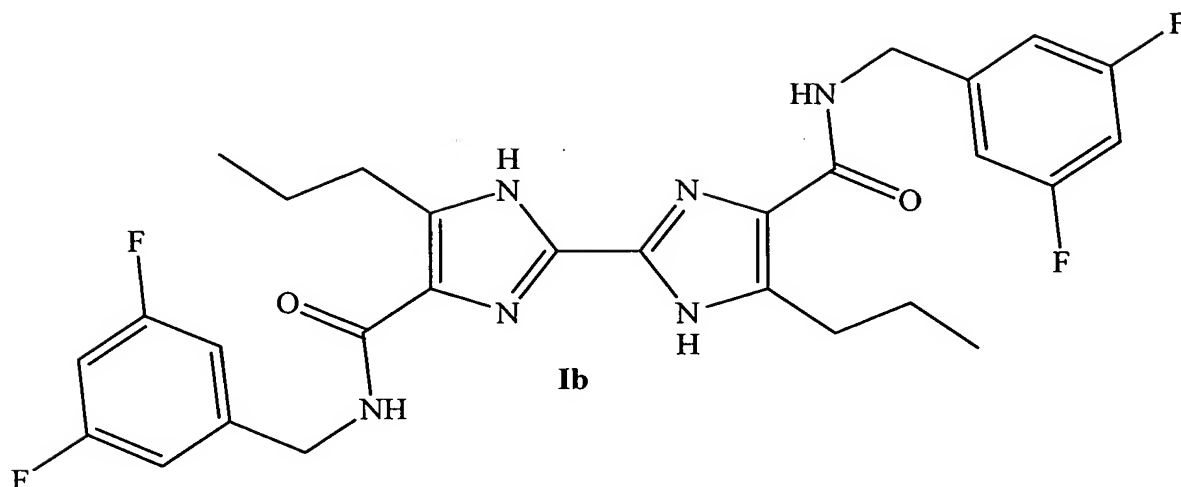
- (I) claims 1-3, 5 and 6, drawn to products not immobilized on a solid support;
- (II) claims 1-6, drawn to products immobilized on a solid support;
- (III) claims 7-8, drawn to a process;
- (IV) claims 9-13, drawn to a method;
- (V) claims 14-17, drawn to a method.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of **GROUP III** for substantive examination.

The claims of groups I, II, and V are either cancelled, or rewritten to depend from claim 7 of group III.

The restriction requirement between the claims of **Groups III and IV** is respectfully traversed. These claims both involve binding an anion, with the claims of group IV being directed to a particular embodiment of the claims of Group III (the anion being in a mixed composition). A search of the claims of Group III and IV would overlap and no undue burden would be placed upon the USPTO to examine the claims of these two groups together.

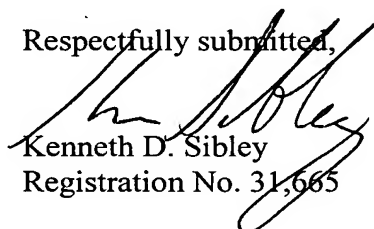
In response to the requirement for an **election of species** set forth on page 5 of the Official Action, applicant hereby elects **compound Ib**, shown in the specification at page 11 and in Example 19, having the following structure:



This election is made on the understanding that, upon the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is located.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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